

## Resolution 2010-06 Shoreline Protection

**WHEREAS**, Protecting high quality ecological areas is less expensive and more effective than trying to repair or recreate damaged areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Assisting local governments to complete and implement Growth Management Act, Critical Area Ordinances, and Shoreline Master Program updates is a top priority of the Action Agenda; and

**WHEREAS**, The Action Agenda prioritizes the amendment of the Shoreline Management Act and associated rules to be more protective of nearshore environments; and

**WHEREAS**, The Action Agenda calls for the resolving issues related to the Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) process including effectiveness, compliance, and enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, The Ecosystem Coordination Board has discussed and supports development of legislation to reform the HPA process as well as development of legislation to incentivize softer, greener shoreline replacement projects.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Leadership Council supports the efforts of state agencies to strengthen regulatory protection of shoreline areas through improvements to the HPA process including enhancing civil enforcement authority and reducing the program reliance on the state general fund, in furtherance of Action Agenda Section D.4.(7). In addition, the Leadership Council recognizes and supports efforts to incentivize replacement of existing shoreline hardening in freshwater and marine environments in order to increase ecosystem function in those areas, in furtherance of Action Agenda Section A.2.(5). Finally, the Leadership Council encourages the state and its partners to further strengthen shoreline regulations to prevent any additional loss of natural shoreline.

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**Approved**/Denied/Deferred (underline one)

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